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14 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
15 WESTERN DIVISION

16 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
17 Plaintiff,
18 v.
19 VIRTUAL CURRENCY AND
\$2,061,517.68 IN U.S. CURRENCY,
20 Defendants.
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Case No. 2:25-cv-04631-SB-MAR

**GOVERNMENT’S RESPONSE TO
COURT’S AUGUST 19, 2025, IN
CHAMBERS ORDER REGARDING
GOVERNMENT’S COMPLIANCE
WITH LOCAL RULE E.14(83)(a) OF
THE LOCAL RULES FOR
ADMIRALTY AND MARITIME
CLAIMS AND ASSET FORFEITURE
ACTIONS (Dkt. 19)**

25 Plaintiff United States of America (“the government”) respectfully submits this
26 response to the Court’s August 19, 2025, In Chambers Order regarding the government’s
27 compliance with Local Rule E.14(83)(a) of the Local Rules for Admiralty and Maritime
28 Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions with respect to the government’s *ex parte*

1 application to appoint the Federal Bureau of Investigation (the “FBI”) as the substitute
2 custodian in place of the United States Marshals Service (the “USMS”) with respect to
3 the defendant Virtual Currency. Dkt. Nos. 18 and 19. The order directed the
4 government to confirm whether and when notice of the application was provided to the
5 USMS. Dkt. No. 19.

6 Following extended communications with the USMS and the FBI regarding
7 serving as the custodian for the defendant Virtual Currency and the USMS consent to
8 allow the FBI at this time to serve as substitute custodian, on August 13, 2025, the
9 government’s representative (*i.e.*, the undersigned AUSA) provided written and verbal
10 notice to the USMS (as well as the FBI) of the government’s intent to file an *ex parte*
11 application for an order appointing the FBI as the substitute custodian of the defendant
12 Virtual Currency.

13 Accordingly, the government asserts that it provided notice required by Local
14 Rule E.14(83)(a).

15 Dated: August 19 , 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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